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Cc: Rosella OConnor, Antony Tseng

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Barbara,

It is obvious from our call yesterday that the decision to move forward in the pathogen TMDL is not going to be resolved at our level. To get our management to come to agreement, I think we must be in agreement first, so that we are bringing the same message to our policy makers.

Robin, Rosella, Antony and I discussed the option available for addressing boundary load variability.

We know that sufficient data are not available to establish variable boundary conditions for the hydrologic years 2000 - 2003, so we have to use more recent data.

We see two options.

1. Use the available data and the recent data collected by Stevens to establish a variable boundary load. It is my understanding that the use of recent data that may support this approach. Please forward the Stevens data to EPA ASAP.

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2. You had indicated that the Stevens model calibration report would be completed by the end of February 2012. Is that time frame still accurate? If so, Robin has indicated that she may be able to adjust the boundary loads to reflect the Stevens model output. I will only be able to sell this approach to my management if the Stevens report will be available by the end Feb or early March.

Antony is going to use the PAT tool to get an idea of how sensitive the downstream waters of the Hackensack and Passaic rivers are to the upstream boundary.

If we can agree that one of the above approaches is acceptable to us, we would brief Jeff and if he agrees on the approach we would ask him to call Jill prior to your Feb 23 meeting and propose that your management consider the agreed upon approach. Maybe if we can come to agreement and support the same approach in discussions with our management we can get their buy in.

I am in the office and available to discuss the above all day except for 10:00 - 11:00.

Felix